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LINCOLNWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY



REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION

Please visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org, call (847) 677-5277, or stop by to register.

[R] REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registrants DO NOT need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[C] REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH LINCOLNWOOD CARD

Registrants DO need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[D] DROP-IN

Everyone is welcome to attend, but supplies and space may be limited.

[H] HYBRID

Registrants can choose to visit in person or attend live online via Zoom. New members should register with their email address to receive the Zoom information.

[Z] VIRTUAL ON ZOOM

These programs are offered using Zoom and will be live at their scheduled time. Please include your email address in your registration to receive instructions on how to join the Zoom event.

🍴 ALLERGEN ALERT

These programs include food or snacks. Certain items may contain or come into contact with wheat, eggs, nuts, and milk.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In a digital age, one of the problems libraries face is that phrases like “digital age” aren’t very clear. What does that even mean? Here’s an example:

Some of us are old enough to recall doing reports in school where the first place you turned for information was good ol’ *World Book Encyclopedia*. Or maybe you were just the kind of kid who liked browsing the set of important-looking books crammed with information, and learning something new. Many of us didn’t have encyclopedias at home, so we turned to the library. Isn’t it sad that there isn’t *World Book* anymore?

Except there is! We still have WB, but now instead of taking up a whole shelf, it’s digital. The content is there, and you can use it knowing that it is authoritative and age-appropriate. But unless you go looking for it on our website, you won’t even know we have it for you—and that is true of many of the beloved old reference books.

Instead of the Readers’ Guide to Periodicals (aka the big green books), you can use EBSCO’s *MasterFILE Complete*, which is just one of the many EBSCO resources available on our website. Unlike using the green books, you can often get the whole article you are looking for right there.

So in a digital age, we have these great digital resources, and we are trying to figure out how to make sure you know about them so you can take advantage of the tremendous amount of vetted information available to you with your library card.

You’ll find the first of a new series where staff members give you tips about using your digital resources on page 8. In it, Deputy Director Colleen Melone, our Libby/OverDrive expert, shares her insider knowledge on how to best get a hold of the e-books and e-audiobooks in our collection. Let us know if there’s some other resource you’d like to know more about, because in a digital age—and even more so in the age of AI—being able to find reliable information electronically is vital.

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Director of the Lincolnwood Public Library District

FAMILY EVENTS ARE FOR KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO ENJOY TOGETHER. ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE PROGRAM

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Ages 5+

Thu, Oct 16, Nov 20 • 6-7pm • [R]

Create beautiful masterpieces together using step-by-step painting. Please register each family member that will be attending.

DONUT STORYTIME

Ages 0-10

Sat, Oct 25, Nov 22 • 10:30-11am • [R] 🍷

Begin your day with songs, stories, and donuts kindly provided by Schlegl's Bakery.



MAKING KOSHER BABKA FOR FAMILIES

All ages

Sun, Oct 26 • 1:30-2:30pm • [R] 🍷

Join Yona Posner from Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie as she guides you on making your own Kosher babka. Participants will make their own babka during the program and take it home to bake. This program is for children with a caregiver.

MASTERPIECE STORYTIME

Ages 0-10 with caregiver

Wed, Oct 29, Nov 19 • 6:30-7:15pm • [D]

All ages are welcome to this cozy, classic storytime. Snuggle up as we read aloud picture book masterpieces. **October books:** *My Teacher is a Monster*, *Argus*, and *Creepy Carrots!* **November books:** *Because of an Acorn*, *The Last Stop on Market Street*, and *Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter!*

WORLD LANGUAGE STORYTIME: HEBREW

All ages

Sun, Nov 9 • 2-3pm • [R]

Learn about Jewish culture and explore the Hebrew language through books and songs in this World Language Storytime in Hebrew and English.



I SURVIVED THE OREGON TRAIL!

All ages

Tue, Nov 18 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Pack your wagon and get ready to head out on this live-action adventure that mimics the 8-bit game! Will you make it to a new frontier?

FAMILY FRIGHT FEST

All ages

Fri, Oct 24 • 4-6pm • [D]

Come dressed in costume to this family-friendly Halloween event! Play games, make crafts, and trick-or-treat around the library.



BABIES - PRESCHOOLERS

To keep storytimes allergen-free, food is not allowed. Please enjoy your snacks before or after the program in our cafe area only.

BOOK BABIES

Ages 0-18 months with caregiver

Mondays • 9:30-10am • [D] (no program on 10/13)

Play and learn with your baby during this interactive lap-sit using rhymes, songs, board books, puppets, and more!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Tuesdays • 10-10:30am • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and play games at this all-ages storytime.

MUSICAL STORYTIME

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Wednesdays • 9:30-10:15am • [D] (no program on 11/26)

Sing and dance along at this musical storytime led by Michael's Music Machine. Tickets are required for this program; see our website for details.

TALES AND TUNES FOR TODDLERS

Ages 18 months-3 years

Thursdays • 10-10:30am • [D] (no program on 11/27)

This active storytime features stories, musical movement, and games for 18- to 36-month-olds with a caregiver.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Fridays • 10-10:30am • [D] (no program on 11/28)

Join us for a different fun, creative activity for young children and their caregivers each week. Younger children are welcome, but the programs are aimed at ages 2-5 years. Activities include art, movement, STEM, and on 10/17 and 11/21, yoga led by Keyla Ortiz, certified yoga instructor.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Thu, Oct 2, Nov 6 • 6:15-6:45pm • [D]

Wind down and get cozy with some bedtime stories. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SATURDAY STORIES AND PLAYTIME

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Sat, Oct 4, Nov 1 • 10-10:45am • [D]

Kick off the weekend with a special Saturday storytime, followed by open playtime with the library's collection of toys.

SUNDAY STORYTIME

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Sun, Oct 19, Nov 16 • 3:30-4pm • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and more! Aimed at kids under 5, but older siblings are welcome to join the fun, too.

GRADES K-5

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

Grades 1-5

Wed, Oct 1, Nov 5 • 4:30-5:15pm • [R]

Experiment and grow your critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics.

NEW
DAY!

READING TO THE DOGS

Grades K-5

Mon, Oct 6, Nov 3 • 6-7pm • [R]

Build reading skills by reading next to trained dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Participants will receive at least 15 minutes of personal reading time with a dog.

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: PUMPKIN DROP!

Grades K-5

Wed, Oct 8 • 4:30-5:15pm • [R]

Can you prevent your pumpkin from going splat? Come build a support around a pumpkin and watch as we drop it from up high. See if you can cushion the blow!



STYROFOAM PRINTMAKING

Grades K-5

Thu, Oct 9 • 5:15-6pm • [R]

Use styrofoam to draw designs and make multiple prints!

LEGO CLUB

Grades K-5

Sat, Oct 11, Nov 8 • 10-11am • [D]

Create your own LEGO or Duplo masterpiece with the library's collection of bricks.

CRAFTY CREATIONS

Grades K-5

Tues, Oct 14, Mon, Nov 24 • 2-2:45pm • [D]

We provide the supplies, you bring your imagination to this open-ended crafting program.

ROLE PLAYING GAMES

Grades 3-6

Wed, Oct 15 • 6:30-7:30pm • [D]

Do you enjoy Dungeons & Dragons? Are you a fan of Stranger Things? Come create an RPG character and play an RPG adventure game. No experience required.

PUFFY PAINT POTION

Grades K-5

Sat, Oct 18 • 10:30-11:30am • [R]

Get ready for some frightfully fun art! Mix up your own puffy paint potion using glue, shaving cream, and watercolor. Use your spooky paint to create haunted houses, creepy creatures, pumpkins, ghosts, and more.

YES, AND!

Grades 1-5

Mon, Oct 27, Nov 10 • 4-4:45pm • [R]

You be the storyteller! Come and play improv games in this fun acting program for kids.



KID CREATIVES: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Grades 3-5

Wed, Oct 22 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Learn how to knot, braid, and connect your way to a friendship bracelet! Make one for you and one for a friend. You're welcome to join whether you are new to knotted bracelets or an expert.

GRADES K-5

CHECKMATES! CHESS CLUB

Grades K-5

Thu, Oct 23, Nov 13 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Develop your chess game with experienced instructor Chris Christmas. All skill levels are welcome!

FRANKENTOYS

Grades K-5

Thu, Oct 30 • 3:45-4:30pm • [R]

Take apart toys to create new ones!

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: CANDY CORN CHEMISTRY!

Grades K-5

Wed, Nov 12 • 4:30-5:30pm • [R]

What happens to your favorite fall candy in different liquids and temperatures? Come explore the science behind these delicious treats!

PLEXIGLASS PAINTING

Grades K-5

Thu, Nov 19 • 3:45-4:45pm • [R]

Paint on plexiglass, then print the paintings on paper!

STEAM: DROP-IN: LEGO ZIPLINES!

Grades K-5

Tue, Nov 25 • 2-2:45pm • [D]

Test the laws of gravity and send our minifigs on an exciting zipline adventure. Build your own zipline contraption, then test the speed of various slopes and lines with different amounts of friction!

TWEENS & TEENS

GRADES 6-8

MANGA & COMIC CREATORS

Grades 6-8

Tue, Oct 14 (occurs weekly for 10 weeks) • 4-5pm • [D]

Love manga and comics? Join our club to create a comic book together! We'll brainstorm characters, write scripts, draw, ink, color, and even get it printed. Whether you're an artist, writer, or just curious, you'll learn new skills and meet fellow creators while bringing our story to life.

MOVIES ON THE GO



Heading on a trip this fall? Bring the fun along! Borrow DVDs from our collection and pair them with a portable player—complete with its own screen, perfect for the car.



Available to check out with your library card. Visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org/watch for more.

GRADES 6-12

CAN YOU SOLVE THE CASE?

Grades 6-12

Sat, Oct 4 • 2-4pm • [D]

Step into the shoes of a private investigator and uncover the truth behind Marcy's mysterious murder in the summer of 1999. In this immersive game, every clue, piece of evidence, and detail matters as you piece together the means, motive, and opportunity to catch the killer.



ANTI-BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB

For Tweens: Grades 6-8 • Mon, Oct 6, Nov 3 • 4-5pm • [D]

For Teens: Grades 9-12 • Tue, Oct 7, Nov 4 • 6-7pm • [D]

A low-key space to talk about whatever you're reading (or not reading), swap recommendations, share obsessions, and discover new stories without assigned readings or deadlines. Bring a favorite or hated book, graphic novel, manga, or just come hang out and enjoy snacks.

MARIO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Grades 6-12

Fri, Oct 10 • 3:45-4:45pm • [D] 🍷

While Mario's actual age is widely debated, there is no questioning the date of his birth—October 11th. Come celebrate our favorite mustachioed Italian plumber with a game of Mario Kart and Mario-themed snacks.



TEEN CREATIVES: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS (OCT) & BLIND CONTOUR PORTRAITS (NOV)

Grades 6-12

Mon, Oct 20, Nov 17 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Join us for teen-focused arts and crafts each month. In October, we'll be creating friendship bracelets—make one for you or a friend! In November, join us for drawing wonderful blind contour portraits.

SPOOKTOBER MOVIE: FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

Ages 13+

Tue, Oct 21 • 6-8pm • [D] 🍷

Get ready for jump scares and creepy animatronics! Join us for a spooky teen-only screening of Five Nights at Freddy's, based on the hit horror game. Retro candy provided, screams optional. Costumes encouraged!

INTERNATIONAL SNACK EXPLORATION

Grades 6-12

Wed, Oct 22, Nov 11 • 4:15-5pm • [R] 🍷

Taste and rank snacks from around the world and learn about a new country each month while you munch on unique foods.

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK YOGA

Grades 6-12

Tue, Oct 28 • 7-7:45pm • [D]

Get in the spooky spirit and stretch like a black cat on All Hallows' Eve. Center yourself in the dark with glow sticks while doing your best Downward Dog pose. Witch hats and costumes are encouraged.

ANIME CLUB! MOVIE EDITION

Grades 6-12

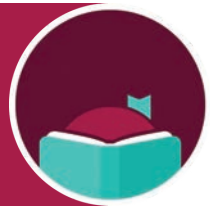
Sat, Nov 1 • 2-4:30pm • [R] 🍷

Watch anime, draw manga, and enjoy snacks at our Anime Club!

LIBBY UNLOCKED

Your digital library, explained

Ever wondered how Libby really works? Our Head of Marketing and Communications, Kelly Horvath, sat down with our Deputy Director, Colleen Melone, to answer some of the most common questions about using the Libby app.



So let's talk about Libby. A lot of people know it's where you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks. But is there something about Libby that might surprise people?

Patrons don't always realize that Libby is part of a consortium. Lincolnwood has partnered with more than 150 other libraries—public, school, medical, even university libraries—to pool resources and create a much bigger collection. There are actually over 80,000 people using Libby.

But does that mean that I am competing with thousands of people every time I want to borrow a book?

Not necessarily. While we're part of the larger Digital Library of Illinois consortium, Lincolnwood also curates its own special collection just for our patrons. We pay a small fee to join the consortium, but the majority of our budget goes toward books only available to Lincolnwood residents.

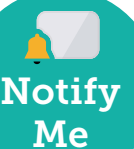
That makes sense. But here's something else I've always wondered—sometimes the app says a book won't be available for six weeks, but then once I place a hold it's ready in a few days. Why does that happen?

Great question! Because so many libraries are part of the consortium, plus each library has its own special collection, it's too much information for Libby to calculate instantly while you're browsing. Once you actually place a hold, the app runs the full algorithm—it looks at your library card, your home library, and how many copies are available. That's when it can give you a more accurate wait time, which is often much shorter than what you first saw.

Interesting. So let's say I place a hold and the wait list looks really long. Is there anything the library can actually do, or am I just stuck waiting?

Absolutely! When you place a hold, that title goes onto a list that I—our Libby purchaser—review regularly. We set aside special funds just for Lincolnwood titles, and we spend that money on books Lincolnwood residents here have shown interest in. Placing a hold tells me, "Hey, this is in demand, maybe we should buy extra copies."

I go through the full list of holds each month—usually over 800 titles—and decide where to put our funds to shorten wait times. That's why you might see a "six weeks" estimate, but then your book is ready the next day. So even if it looks like a long wait, don't cancel your hold! Leaving it in place helps us know what our community really wants, and we put our budget behind those books.



Notify Me

See this icon next to a book? Libby doesn't currently own a copy. Select the bell to let us know you'd like it to be purchased—we will notify you if it is!

Here's the big question, then. Couldn't you just buy each book that every Lincolnwood reader is waiting for?

I really wish we could! We've increased how many books we buy in the past few years, but publishers control how libraries can purchase digital titles. Some models are affordable, but others are very expensive—sometimes too much to justify unless there's huge demand.

Each month, Lincolnwood residents place over 800 holds. If every title cost \$5, that's already \$4,000 in one month. We simply can't buy them all, so we prioritize. We look at which books have the most holds, which ones will get the most checkouts, and which titles aren't available anywhere else in the consortium. That way, we stretch our budget to cover as many needs as possible.

Did you know Libby has more than books? Make sure to check out their magazine collection. Available 24/7 with no wait times.

More Than Books

So speaking of borrowing, I've noticed that eBooks are due back in 14 days, but when a physical book is checked out, I get 21 days. Why is there a difference?

That 14-day setting comes from our consortium—it's the default. But here's the good news: in Libby you can actually choose your loan period—7, 14, or 21 days. We'll include instructions on how to change it, but I always recommend selecting 21 days. You can return a book early if you finish, but checking it out for the full 21 days actually saves the library money. So please, go for the 21-day option every time!

One last thing: so I checked out a book once, but it wouldn't download onto my Kindle. Why?

Not every eBook is formatted for Kindle. Think of it like computer files—a PDF or Word document. Some formats just don't work with certain devices. The same goes for eBooks. If you only want Kindle-compatible books, you can filter your search to show those titles, or check when you're borrowing to see if it's available for Kindle. If it isn't, you can always read it right in the Libby app on your phone, tablet, or computer.

No Waiting List

Subscribe to our e-newsletter to never miss out on the latest titles instantly available to you. Look for new books each month!

Okay, great. So before we wrap up, what is your favorite feature in Libby, something you think everyone should know about?

Oh, my goodness—my favorite feature is with audiobooks. Libby is amazing at remembering my place. Life gets busy, and sometimes I don't finish a book before it gets returned. Even if it's a month or two later, when I check it out again, Libby takes me right back to where I left off. I love that!

I didn't know that—that's great. Thank you for breaking this down. I think a lot of people will feel much more comfortable and confident using Libby now.

You're welcome! I love chatting about Libby—it's such a great resource.

How to Change Your Libby Loan Period

Select the title. Scroll to the bottom and click here:

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Borrowing for... 14 days

BORROW

Choose your loan period. Click 'Back'.

BACK

Your chosen lending period is saved for all audiobooks at this library.

21 days ★

14 days

7 days

Review your new loan period and click 'Borrow'

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BORROW

To watch the full interview on our YouTube channel, visit: <https://bit.ly/LibbyUnlocked>

To get started with Libby, visit <https://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org/resources> or ask one of our librarians on your next visit.

ADULT

CHAIR YOGA WITH JOAN

Thu, Oct 9 & Thu, Nov 13 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

GENTLE MOVES FOR STRENGTH & STABILITY

Thu, Oct 16 & Thu, Nov 20 • 10am-11am • [R]

This gentle movement class is designed to help adults improve mobility, balance, and body awareness. Participants will be guided through light exercises that focus on activating key muscle groups while relaxing others, helping to build better control and coordination for everyday movement. Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!



YOUR CAR: BUMPER TO BUMPER

Tue, Oct 21 • 6:30-8pm • [R]

Learn the basics of car ownership with retired automotive instructor Bill O'Connell. From buying a car to understanding warning lights, fuel, tires, emissions testing, and DIY repairs, this program will help you feel more confident and informed behind the wheel.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND UNDERSTANDING UTILITY BILLS

Wed, Oct 22 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability Community Outreach Coordinator Max Ciarlone and Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will discuss how to save money on your utility bills. Max will discuss affordable and energy-efficient ways to weatherize your home. CUB will help you understand your utility bills, special pricing programs, and more. A Q&A session will follow.



MAKING KOSHER BABKA FOR ADULTS

Sun, Oct 26 • 3:15-4:15pm • [C] ♪

Join Yona Posner from Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie as she guides you through the process of making your own delicious kosher babka. Learn the steps to shape, fill, and twist this classic treat while exploring its cultural significance. Registrants will prepare their babka during the program and take it home to bake.

LEARN TO MAKE PERFECT ALL-BUTTER PIE DOUGH

Tue, Oct 28 • 6:30-8pm • [R] ♪

Join culinary instructor, cookbook author, and pie contest winner Emily Paster for a demonstration on how to make and prepare the perfect all-butter pie crust. Emily will show you how to make the dough from scratch, roll it out for bottom and top crusts, and create a beautiful lattice topping. Bring your burning pie questions—just don't burn your pie!—as Emily demystifies the entire pie-making process just in time for the holidays. After the demo, registrants will get to sample an apple pie that Emily has made.

EASY DOES IT YOGA

Thu, Oct 30 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Join certified yoga instructor Joan McGee for yoga, a practice that can improve your flexibility, concentration, and strength, while boosting your mood and reducing stress and joint strain. Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel. Yoga blocks are optional. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

KOREAN FOOD WITH YING'S KITCHEN**Sat, Nov 1 • 1-3pm • [R] 1**

Join Ying from Ying's Kitchen for a delicious dive into Korean cuisine! She'll demonstrate how to make three flavorful dishes—kimchi, bibimbap, and japchae—while sharing tips and techniques along the way. Registrants get to sample the food, so don't miss your chance to learn (and eat)!

WINTER FAMILY PORTRAITS**Sat, Nov 8 • 10-11:30am • [C]**

Get ready for the new year with a new family portrait taken by our library's photographer! Limited to 15 families who will receive a set number of digital photos. Time slots will be assigned a week prior to the program. Please only register one person in the family.

**TAROT PRACTICE HOUR****Wed, Nov 19 • 7-8pm • [R]**

Dust off your tarot cards and take advantage of this opportunity to gain experience reading for others. We'll first practice reading card combinations as a group, and then we'll pair up to practice individual readings. Basic understanding of tarot required, but all experience levels are welcome. Bring your own deck if you have one!

LOOKING FOR AFTERNOON SCRABBLE?

You can now find it in our 'GATHER' section on page 14.



Enjoy these live, virtual events from the comfort of your home, via Zoom.

Lincolnwood Library is proud to be a part of Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of over 200 public libraries offering premier events for participating member libraries of all sizes and budgets. These events connect communities and audiences across the state through shared event experiences.

**A "WICKED" CONVERSATION WITH MARISSA BODE****Tue, Oct 21 • 7-8pm • [Z]**

Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in Academy Award-winning blockbuster, *Wicked*, directed by Jon M. Chu.

Join us to explore Bode's early inspirations and performances, leading up to her portrayal of Nessarose in *Wicked*. As the highly anticipated sequel *Wicked: For Good* approaches, we'll reflect on what makes the story so meaningful to Bode and audiences around the world. *This program will not be shown in person at the library.*

J. KENJI LÓPEZ-ALT – A JOURNEY THROUGH FOOD AND SCIENCE**Tue, Nov 18 • 7-8pm • [Z]**

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and *Serious Eats* director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. *This program will not be shown in person at the library.*



CELEBRATE **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE** MONTH**NATIVE AMERICAN HOOP DANCING WITH STARR CHIEF EAGLE***Thu, Oct 23 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]*

All ages welcome! Experience the vibrant traditions of Lakota culture with Starr Chief Eagle in this interactive and educational program. Through stories, language, and art, Starr Chief Eagle will share the rich heritage of the Lakota people. She will also perform the rare and powerful tradition of Hoop Dancing, using 22 hoops to form intricate shapes, designs, and animals that tell a visual story. Audience participation may be encouraged during hands-on activities with the hoops.

NATIVE AMERICAN BEADING: PEYOTE STITCH WITH NOELLE GARCIA*Tue, Nov 11 • 6-8:30pm • [C]*

Join Native American artist Noelle Garcia to learn the traditional tubular Peyote stitch, an intricate beadwork technique used in many Indigenous art forms. Discover its cultural significance while creating your own beaded piece.

**SINGING BIRD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN IN ILLINOIS HISTORY***Tue, Nov 18 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]*

Dressed in native regalia, Kim Sigafus presents a history of the natives in Illinois with a focus on women such as Singing Bird (Blackhawk's wife) and Hononegah. Explore these women's daily lives, and how their activities and relationships affected the history of Illinois. Sigafus is a Road Scholar and an award-winning Ojibwa author and presenter.

NOVEMBER WRITING MONTH

November is Writing Month at the Lincolnwood Library! No matter if you're just starting a writing routine or on your way to publish a novel, the library has a program to help you get your ideas on paper and out to the world!

**NOVEMBER WRITING CHALLENGE***Nov 1 - Nov 30*

Get in the habit of writing with our November Writing Challenge! Visit the library to pick up your challenge log and track each day you write at least 250 words (about half a page). If you complete at least 20 days of writing by the end of November, bring your challenge log to the Adult Services desk to win a quality journal. Deadline to submit is Sunday, Dec 7.

TALKING PUBLISHING WITH LORI RADER-DAY*Tue, Nov 4 • 7-8pm • [R]*

Lori Rader-Day is the Edgar Award-nominated and Agatha, Anthony, and Mary Higgins Clark award-winning author of *Wreck Your Heart* (forthcoming Jan 2026), *The Death of Us*, *Death at Greenway*, *The Lucky One*, *Under a Dark Sky*, and others. Join her in person at the library as she discusses her journey in publishing. Audience members will be welcome to ask questions after the main discussion.

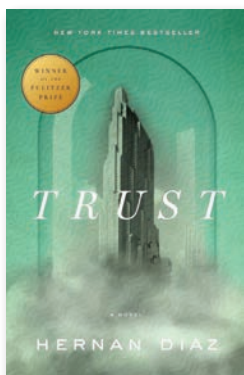
LINCOLNWOOD WRITES: WRITING CLUB*Nov 5 • 7-9pm • [R][H] ♡ ♡*

Whether you're writing for fun or to be published someday, foster your creativity with like-minded authors in this monthly group. Bring in original work to be read aloud, and get constructive feedback from your peers. Ages high school and up. In celebration of Writing Month, there will be snacks during this meeting.

OPEN CREATIVE WRITE-IN*Mon, Nov 10 • 7-8pm • [R] ♡ ♡*

Need a quiet place to work on your November Writing Challenge? Need to focus as you craft your novel? Come to the library to work on whatever you're writing. You bring your writing supplies, and we'll provide the space, resources, writing prompts, and snacks!

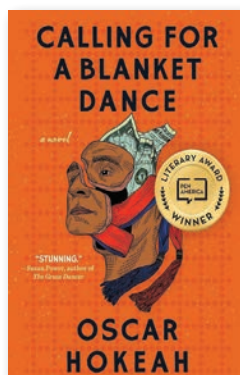
MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION



TRUST BY HERNAN DIAZ

Mon, Oct 20 • 11am-12pm • [R][H]

The story of a wealthy financier and his wife is told through shifting, conflicting narratives that challenge the idea of truth itself. Set against the backdrop of early 20th-century America, this literary mystery explores money, power, authorship, and who gets to control the story.



CALLING FOR A BLANKET DANCE BY OSCAR HOKEAH

Mon, Nov 10 • 11am-12pm • [R][H]

Through a chorus of voices from his Cherokee, Kiowa, and Mexican-American community, Ever Geimausaddle navigates hardship, identity, and resilience. This powerful story explores family, tradition, and the search for belonging.

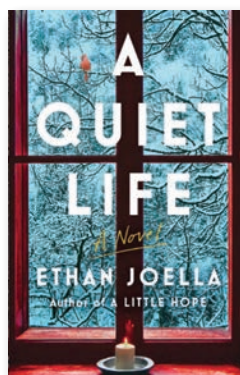
BOOKS IN THE WOODS



THE ENSEMBLE BY AJA GABEL

Mon, Oct 20 • 7-8pm • [R][H]

The story of four young people who come together to form a string quartet, and who stay in each other's lives as ambition, love, and the cutthroat world of professional musicianship threaten to tear them apart.



A QUIET LIFE BY ETHAN JOELLA

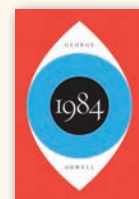
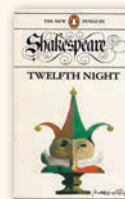
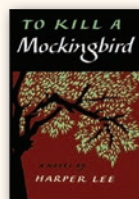
Mon, Nov 17 • 7-8pm • [R][H]

Set in a close-knit suburb in the grip of winter, this heartwarming novel follows three people grappling with loss, whose lives become unexpectedly intertwined.

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CREATE

KNITTING SOCIAL CIRCLE

Wednesdays • 11am-12:30pm • [D]

Share tips and show off your work with needle-art enthusiasts.

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Thu, Oct 2 & Nov 6 • 6:30-9pm • [D] 🍴

Calling all crafters! Gather together over snacks, movies, and dedicated time for creating what you love. We'll decide as a group what to watch while enjoying each other's company and working on our own projects. As long as you can get your supplies through the door, your craft is welcome.



INTERMEDIATE CROCHET: GRANNY SQUARE WORKSHOP

Wed, Oct 29 • 6:30-8pm • [C]

Take your crochet skills to the next level! This class focuses on creating classic granny squares and is perfect for those already comfortable with basic stitches.

GENUINE PEARL WIRE-WRAPPED PENDANT

Sun, Nov 2 • 2-4pm • [C]

Join jewelry artist and *Inventive Wire Weaving* author Susan Barzacchini for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to craft a beautifully intricate wire-wrapped pearl pendant. This engaging session is perfect for anyone curious about creative jewelry techniques. Reading glasses are recommended if you use them for this craft.

NATIVE AMERICAN BEADING: PEYOTE STITCH WITH NOELLE GARCIA

Tue, Nov 11 • 6-8:30pm • [C]

Join Native American artist Noelle Garcia to learn the traditional tubular Peyote stitch, an intricate beadwork technique used in many Indigenous art forms. Discover its cultural significance while creating your own beaded piece.

INTRO TO WATERCOLOR: COLOR, FLOW & TECHNIQUE

Wed, Nov 12 • 6-8pm • [C]

Discover the art of watercolor in this beginner-friendly workshop. Learn essential techniques, explore the unique movement of paint and water, and leave inspired to continue your creative journey. *Presented in partnership with the Evanston Art Center.*

GATHER

LINCOLNWOOD WRITES: WRITING CLUB

Wed, Oct 1 & Nov 5 • 7-9pm • [R][H]

Whether you're writing for fun or to be published someday, foster your creativity with like-minded authors in this monthly group. Bring in original work to be read aloud, and get constructive feedback from your peers. Ages high school and up. In celebration of Writing Month, there will be snacks during the November 5 meeting.

AFTERNOON SCRABBLE!

Thu, Oct 16 & Thu, Nov 13 • 1-3pm • [R]

Join us for a fun and friendly game of Scrabble at the library! Whether you're a seasoned wordsmith or a beginner, all experience levels are welcome. We'll provide the space and the game—just bring your love of words! Come with friends, or meet new ones, as you strategize, spell, and score big.

MAH JONGG

Tuesdays • 1-3pm • [D]

Meet other enthusiasts and play the Chinese tile-based game of Mah Jongg. Beginners are welcome.

TECH

WHAT'S THAT?! IDENTIFYING THINGS WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

Thu, Oct 16 • 3:30-4:30pm • [R]

Learn about specific apps for identifying things such as plants, music, constellations, vehicles, and birdsong. We'll also cover Google Lens, which can identify objects in your photos.

IPHONE & IPAD CLUB

Fri, Oct 24 & Nov 21 • 1-2:30pm • [R]

Bring your iPhone and iPad to meet fellow Apple users, and learn to do more with your device.

SMARTPHONE VIDEO EDITING

Thu, Nov 6 • 3:30-4:30pm • [R]

Learn the basics of editing videos on your smartphone. From trimming a few seconds off to muting background audio, utilizing these techniques will help you refine your videos for sharing.

MONDAY MATINEES

OCTOBER



FAHRENHEIT 451 (2018)

Mon, Oct 6 • 1-3pm • TV-14, 100 mins • [D]

Adaptation of Ray Bradbury's dystopian 1953 novel about a brutal totalitarian society in which books are not only banned, but burned, and all history, art, photos, and facts are deleted or altered. *Shown in honor of Banned Books Week, highlighting stories once banned or challenged.*



KARATE KID: LEGENDS (2025)

Mon, Oct 20 • 1-3pm • PG, 118 mins • [D]

After moving to New York City with his mother, kung fu prodigy Li Fong struggles to let go of the past as he tries to fit in with his new classmates. When a new friend needs his help, Li enters a karate competition—but his skills alone aren't enough. With help from Mr. Han and Daniel LaRusso, he soon learns to merge two styles into one for the ultimate martial arts showdown.



HOCUS POCUS (1993)

Mon, Oct 27 • 1-2:45pm • PG, 95 mins • [D]

Three 17th-century witches, hanged for their murderous crimes, are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, who must now figure out how to get them back in the ground.

NOVEMBER

LOVE & MERCY (2014)

Mon, Nov 3 • 1-3:15pm • PG-13, 120 mins • [D]

This biopic of Beach Boy composer Brian Wilson focuses on two seminal periods in his life: his creative triumphs and mental breakdown as a young man, and his struggles in middle age to wrench free from a domineering therapist.



JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH (2025)

Mon, Nov 10 • 1-3:30pm • PG-13, 134 mins • [D]

Five years after the events of *Jurassic World Dominion*, covert agent Zora Bennett leads a mission to recover dinosaur DNA—only to become stranded on a remote island with a shipwrecked family and a terrifying secret hidden for decades.



SUPERMAN (2025)

Mon, Nov 17 • 1-3:15pm • PG-13, 122 mins • [D]

In his signature style, James Gunn takes on the original superhero in the newly imagined DC universe with a singular blend of epic action, humor, and heart, delivering a Superman who's driven by compassion and an inherent belief in the goodness of humankind.



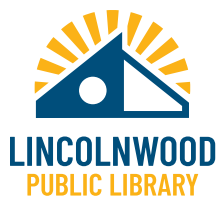
F1 (2025)

Mon, Nov 24 • 1-4pm • PG-13, 150 mins • [D]

In the 1990s, Sonny Hayes was Formula 1's most promising driver until an accident on the track nearly ended his career. Thirty years later, the owner of a struggling Formula 1 team convinces Sonny to return to racing and become the best in the world. Driving alongside the team's hotshot rookie, Sonny soon learns that the road to redemption is not something you can travel alone.



There will be no Monday Matinee on Mon, Oct 13 due to the library being closed for Indigenous People's Day.



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